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March generally warm, but can be two-faced

March should show a warming trend of about 10 degrees, but the weather can be extremely two-faced.

Prof. John F. Griffiths, climatologist in the Meteorology Department, said Brazos County's coldest month can normally be expected for some surprises.

He said the beginning of March usually has 66-degree average

afternoon and 45-degree average pre-sunrise temperatures. By month's end, the figures rise to 76 and 54 degrees.

"About one freeze should occur during the month," he stated, "but these are rare after the 15th or 16th."

Though the temperatures are beginning to trend upward, March is known for rapid temperature

drops, with 20-degree differences from one day to the next "quite common," according to Griffiths.

Falls of 40 degrees are known. In 1955, the minimum went from 59 degrees on the 25th to 25 degrees on the 26th. The maxima for the same period went from 85 to 40 degrees, the record.

Along with usually high winds and an average of three inches rainfall, March has recorded four consecutive days of below-40 temperatures (in 1932) and in 1946 a 96-degree reading on the 30th.

Griffiths said temperatures in the 90s occur once in five years and in the 80s six times per year. Afternoon highs below 50 usually happen once each year. Once every eight years, lows in the 70s are taken.

"On the average, about half the days in March have minimum temperatures in the 40s and 30s," the meteorology professor said.

March usually has seven days of rain and an average of one day with a fall of more than an inch. The driest March occurred in 1904 with four tenths of an inch while 1926 was wettest with 8.0 inches.

Blood, urine tests for alcohol approved by Senate committee

AUSTIN (AP)—The Senate Jurisprudence Committee approved a bill Tuesday that would authorize blood and urine tests of motorists suspected of drunk driving.

The bill now goes to the Senate floor for action.

Under present law, only a driver's breath may be tested for alcoholic content, but the instrument to test the breath sometimes is not available in isolated areas of the state.

Present law also leaves it up to

the prosecution to show in every case that certain levels of alcohol in the blood are proof of intoxication.

The Senate bill, by Sen. Charles Herring of Austin, establishes a presumption that .10 per cent alcohol in the blood proves intoxication.

Failure to submit to a test would subject the motorist to a suspension of his driver's license.

A similar bill is in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.

Police school opening for two weeks

Criminal law, traffic investigation and special FBI courses are scheduled during the next two weeks for 20 law enforcement officers from the Brazos Valley Development Council area.

Ira E. Scott, chief instructor for the Police Training Division, said the men are completing the second half of a four-week program. The first two weeks of the BVDC-sponsored training were held in early February.

Scott said the officers will receive all the training for certification under the new Texas law for policemen.

Ten Bryan-College Station men are enrolled. They include Bryan patrolmen William M. Foster, Frank C. Lewis Jr. and Teddy U. Tumlanson.

A&M has patrolmen Dudley S. Paver, Jerry Hutchinson, Billy McCoy and Garland L. Sparks enrolled. Robert S. Evins, enforcement supervisor for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, also is attending.

Representing the College Station Police Department are Carroll T. Adams and Melvin Maddox.

This week's schedule includes criminal law, first aid, traffic law and investigations, accident records and reporting and traffic engineering.

FBI Special Agent Bob Wiatt of Bryan will guest instruct special FBI courses Tuesday through Friday next week. Wiatt will discuss mob and riot control, defensive tactics, firearms and supervise the firearms qualifications the afternoon of March 12.

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT
Junior Class Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 1133 or Nalgie Hall.

Semper Fidelis Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the front steps of the MSC to have Aggie-land pictures taken.

SCOPE will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 3B of the MSC to plan for Earth Day.

Host and Fashion Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 2A of the MSC to select a new executive committee and discuss coming events.

THURSDAY
Rio Grande Valley Hometown Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the second floor lobby of the MSC to select a sweetheart.

Irving Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Ralph's Pizza at Eastgate.

Dallas Hometown Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the Social Room of the MSC to select a sweetheart.

Mid-Jefferson County Hometown Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the Bowling Alley of the MSC for a bowling party.

SATURDAY
Army Cadet Wives Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. in room 210 of the Military Sciences Building for a panel discussion of Army etiquette and uniforms. Wives and fiancées of junior and senior cadets are invited to attend.

TUESDAY
TAMMBA will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Building E.

Tech tops Rice

LUBBOCK, Tex. (AP)—Texas Tech, with four of its five seniors scoring in double figures, rolled over the Rice Owls 99-87 Tuesday night in a Southwest Conference basketball game.

No jailings allowed if unable to pay

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court unanimously ruled out Tuesday jailing people simply because they are too poor to pay their fines.

The decision, in a Texas traffic case, could have enormous impact across the nation since a large percentage of the people in jails and prisons are there only because they cannot pay a fine.

Justice William J. Brennan said imprisoning a convicted poor man for an offense punishable only for a fine is invidious discrimination in violation of the Constitution's guarantee of equal

protection of the laws.

In a second ruling, the court ordered the states to open their divorce courts to poor people who are unable to pay the cost of their suits.

The 8-1 decision came in a case from Connecticut where people seeking divorces have to pay about \$60 each in court costs. Justice John M. Harlan said the right of all citizens to due process of the laws, and to the only avenue for dissolving an untenable marriage, makes the system unconstitutional.

In the Texas case, Preston A.

Tate, a Houston laborer who earns \$25 to \$60 a week accumulated fines of \$425 on nine traffic convictions. Unable to pay the fines, he was committed to the municipal prison farm for 85 days.

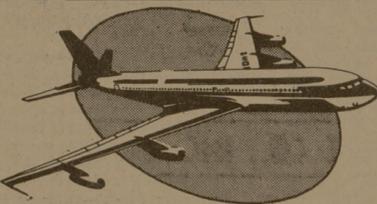
Brennan said that since Texas has legislated a fines-only policy for traffic offenses, it cannot subject poor people to the harsher penalty of a jail term merely because they cannot pay the fine.

He suggested the states might have fines paid off in installments, as California, Delaware,

Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and Washington do.

In the Connecticut case, a group of New Haven women who were on welfare were barred from filing for divorce because they could not pay court and sheriff's costs.

The New Haven Legal Assistance Association took up their case, but a three-judge federal district court ruled in 1968 that the states may limit access to their civil courts by the requirement of fees.



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